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REQUIREMENTS FOR WRITING ARBORICULTURAL PRESCRIPTIONS

Arboricultural Prescription

Arboricultural prescription means any type of site or tree instruction developed by an arborist certified by the international Society of Arboriculture or State Registered Forester that is aimed at preserving tree(s). The tree(s) will be inspected as part of approved construction permits issued by the Office of Buildings, City of Atlanta.

Arbor Prescription Checklist

- Prescription to be provided on company's letterhead.
- Name, business address, qualifications and contact telephone number of the business/individual preparing the prescription.
- Site Address
- Ownership and contact numbers, including mailing address if different from site address
- Size, location, and species of each tree being analyzed
- The individual writing an arboricultural prescription should fulfill the minimum detailed qualifications:
 - ISA certified arborist (certification number and specialty)
 - A degree in horticulture, forestry, agronomy, biology or any other related field in Biological Science
 - A minimum of five years of experience in the field of Arboriculture or Forestry.
- A table/spreadsheet that shows clearly for each tree the following information:
 - Common and scientific name of the tree(s).
 - Estimated height
 - Canopy/Crown spread
 - DBH
 - Comments on the vitality, structure, and form of the tree(s)
 - Tree number (to correspond with the site plan)
 - If required, inclusion of assessment of value/significance/suitability

Reports should address:

- Scope of impact
- How impact affects tree's health and stability (roots, trunk, and canopy)
- Hazard potential
- Two and 5-year survivability of trees

Assessment

Destroyed vs viability of trees. When prescription is completed, arborist's opinion about tree survivability.

Prescriptive measures:

- Soil, (e.g., mulching; mitigation of compaction; drainage).
- Roots and root collar.
- Trunk
- Canopy: pruning regimen (e.g. thinning, crown reduction. No topping, no tipping).
- Watering regiment / irrigation system (Scheduled watering and soil moisture monitoring)
- Treatments, e.g., growth regulators, pesticides, nutrients, soil humectants, etc.
- If using pesticides, **label, MDS** information must be provided, indicate potential source of environmental contamination
- Provisions for monitoring tree if applicable.
 - Visual analysis
 - Climbing the tree(s)
 - Degree of leaning

If there is a change in ownership, the arborist has the responsibility to continue prescription per the signed and paid-for invoice for fulfillment of prescription